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(57) Abstract: Antisense compounds, compositions, and methods are provided for modulating the expression of Endothelial Specific Molecule-1 (ESM-1). The compositions comprise antisense compounds, particularly antisense oligonucleotides, targeted to nucleic acids encoding ESM-1. Methods of using these compounds for modulation of ESM-1 expression and for treatment of diseases associated with expression of ESM-1 are provided.